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FINAL EXAMINATION

TRIMESTER 2, 2017/2018

LLC0015 – LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION
(All sections)

5 MARCH 2018

9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of **ONE** page with **FIVE** questions only.
2. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Write all your answers in the Answer Booklet.

Instructions: Answer **ALL** questions. [50 marks]

- 1) a) M.A.K. Halliday (1975) claimed that children are motivated to develop language because it serves certain purposes or functions for them. Explain the seven functions that language has for children in their early years.
(7 marks)
b) Noam Chomsky reviewed B. F. Skinner's *Verbal Behavior in Language*, the journal of the "*Linguistic Society of America*" and convincingly presented some evidences that language is basically innate, not learned. Explain three of the evidences and provide example for each one of them.
(3 marks)
- 2) a) What is *generalisation*? With reference to the principles of human understanding as defined by David Hume, explain the process, and give an example.
(3 marks)
b) Explain what is *grammaticalisation* and how it occurs. Provide examples to support your answer.
(3 marks)
c) How do we create meaning and explain "meaning as use".
(4 marks)
- 3) a) Explain what are the organs of speech?
(4 marks)
b) Why is the tongue so vital in speech production that we sometimes refer to languages as '*tongues*'?
(6 marks)
- 4) a) What are *morphemes*?
(2 marks)
b) Draw the diagram of the classification of morphemes, explaining the difference between the different categories. Give examples.
(8 marks)
- 5) Explain the major stages of development in child language acquisition, giving examples from at least two of the following areas; sound, syntax, vocabulary, semantics or pragmatics. Your answer should not be less than 300 words.
(10 marks)

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